

MINUTES
STILLWATER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday March 11, 2021 at 10:00 am
County Commissioners Office

- I. **ATTENDANCE:** Mark Crago, Tyrel Hamilton, Steve Riveland, Natasha Sailer, Josh Juarez
 - a. Staff: Amy Stadel (Environmental Health Administrative Assistant)
- II. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**
 - a. Tyrel moved to approve minutes, Mark seconded, motion passed to approve minutes as written.
- III. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Final review and voting on BOH By-Laws
 - i. Josh was voted Secretary at previous meeting. Admin Amy Stadel will assist.
 - ii. Natasha motioned to approve BOH By-Laws as written. Tyrel Seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - b. Covid Vaccine Request
 - i. Natasha gave update on vaccine. Governor Gianforte added Phase 1 B allowing those age 60 and older to get vaccine. To date there has been 5,200 vaccines provided throughout the county. Stillwater Billings Clinic has provided 399 first and second does as of 3/7/21, for a total of 798 full, completed vaccines. 100 doses of Johnson and Johnson vaccine have been made available to the county. Natasha requested to continue use of the Pavilion for vaccines. Mark Crago suggested a standing date every week. 13% of the county has had at least one does of the covid vaccine.
 - c. Commissioner Liaison
 - i. Commissioner Riveland requested information on BOH training.
 - d. Board Education
 - i. Josh informed that that there are courses provided by the state of Montana, free of charge. Josh will reach out to DPHSS to schedule some training for the BOH.
- IV. **COVID 19 PANDEMIC**
 - a. Natasha provided and update. Billings Clinic is collaborating with Stillwater Family Pharmacies to provide vaccines to Stillwater County residents.
- V. **HEALTH NURSE REPORT/HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**
 - a. Health officer was absent but Natasha reports that we continue to see an increase of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia through out the county. Darla and Mary Cameron, the prevention coordinator, are working on getting youth health first aid in all of the schools as children seem to be more depressed due to the pandemic.
 - b. With spring coming there will be an increase in water born illness.
 - c. There has been an increase in lead cases. 99.9% of these cases have come from the Smelter. They do have a plan in place to educate and test.
- VI. **SANITARIAN REPORT**
 - a. Review of Complaints
 - i. Mask complaint about Columbus Post master not wearing mask. Josh followed up with the Post Office. They do have a plex-glass barrier. They are following the proper guidelines.
 - b. Permit Request
 - i. Amy sees existing requests daily.

- ii. New construction permits continue to come in.
- c. Josh presented an action alert to oppose Senate Bill 199, the Local Food Choice Act. It allows people to make any food they want in their home kitchen and sell it.
 - i. Natasha made a motion for Josh to write a letter on behalf of the BOH. Tyrel seconded the motion. Motion passes.
- d. Homestead Apartments
 - i. Josh was contacted by Victims Advocate Angela Woodward. She has clients that live in the apartments and are affected by the conditions. Josh has received pictures. They claim there is sewage flowing into an open cistern. Josh will follow up with an investigation on the complaints.
 - ii. There have been increased nitrate levels in Park City that could be caused by the sewage issues from the Homestead. Josh will get water samples.

VII. ADJOURN

- a. Mark motioned to adjourn. Natasha seconded. Approved.